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SUBJECT: WFP ROME PERSONNEL CHANGES

IN ADDITION TO IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF F. M. UTSUN AS DEPUTY
EX DIR WFP, HAVE RECENTLY LEARNED OF OTHER IMPENDING CHANGES:

1. TONY DAWSON (UK): HEAD OF EVALUATION DIVISION APPARENTLY
WISHES TO LEAVE AND IS BEING CONSIDERED BY BRAD MORSE FOR
RESREP POSITION (POSSIBLY IN BEIRUT).

2. WILLIAM FRALEIGH (US): SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO WFP
EX DIR IS RUMORED TO BE VOGEL'S "IN HOUSE" CANDIDATE
FOR DEPUTY DIVISION CHIEF, UNDER MONGIA, OF EXTERNAL
RELATIONS DIVISION. HE IS ALSO RUMORED TO BE AT
RETIRMENET AGE AND WOULD REQUIRE EXTENSION IF HE REMAINS.

3. EBERHARD LUEHE (FRG): ACTING CHIEF OF PROJECT
MANAGEMENT DIVISION, HAD HOPED TO BE NAMED PERMANENTLY
TO JOB, MAY MOVE INTO DAWSON'S JOB IN EVALUATION.

4. TONY CUOMO (US): DEPUTY DIRECOTR OF
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PROJECT MANAGEMENT DIVISION, WILL RETIRE MID-1978.

5. NAZIR AHMED: FIELD INSPECTION, WILL RETIRE 1978.

6. S. BETHKE (FRG): CHIEF OF WEST AFRICA BRANCH, WILL
RETIRE 1978.

7. P. MONTANARO (ITALIAN): CHIEF OF LA BRANCH WILL
RETIRE IN 1978.

8. J. C. BOLTON, IN LA BRANCH, WILL RETIRE IN 1978.

9. M. EL MIDANI TRANSFER TO WFP, SLATED TO MOVE FROM
FAO TO BE CHIEF OF RESOURCES MANAGEMENT DIVISION
(SLOT IN WHICH WALTER DAVIS WAS "ACTING" UNTIL END
DECEMBER 1977), NOW APPEARS TO BE QUESTIONED. FODAG
INFORMED THAT MIDANI, AT D-1 LEVEL, WAS TOLD BY SAOUMA
HE WOULD NOT BE PROMOTED TO D-2 (ALTHOUGH
POSITION CALLS FOR D-2 LEVEL). BOTH DIVISION CHIEF AND
DEPUTY ARE STILL VACANT AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT
DIRK SINTOBIN WILL MOVE INTO DEPUTY SLOT. BELIVE THIS
WOULD BE EXCELLENT CHOICE AS SINTOBIN HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL,
HAS BEEN WITH WFP SINCE BEGINNING AND ONE OF THE MAINSTAYS
OF WFP ROME.

10. ROBERT POOLEY (US): HAS VOICED HIS DESIRE TO LEAVE
WFP (AS WELL AS HIS DISCOURAGEMENT WITH WFP)
AND RETURN TO AID NLT END 1978 ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS.

IN DISCUSSING WFP GENERALLY WITH MID AND LOWER LEVEL
(WESTERN) EMPLOYEES, WE FIND THERE APPEARS TO BE A
CERTAIN MALAISE AMONG THEM, FEELING THAT WFP IS
NOT MOVING AND A GREAT DESIRE TO SEE NEW MANAGE-
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MENT PERSONNEL INSTALLED. BELIEVE CASHIN'S APPOINT-
MENT WILL DO MUCH IN THIS DIRECTION BUT ANOTHER QUESTION
IS NOMINATIONS FOR OTHER SLOTS BEING VACATED THIS
YEAR. WOULD APPRECIATE STATE/AID COMMENTS.

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